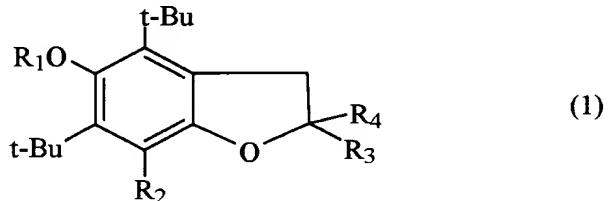


AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A seamed soft capsule formulation in which a solution of a dihydrobenzofuran derivative represented by ~~general~~ formula (1):



$\beta^1$  wherein  $R_1$  represents a hydrogen atom or an acyl group;  $R_2$  represents a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl group; and  $R_3$  and  $R_4$ , which may be identical or different, represent a hydrogen atom or a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or aryl group, ~~or probucol in a fat and~~ soybean oil is filled into a seamed soft capsule.

2. (currently amended) The formulation of Claim 1 wherein said compound represented by ~~general~~ formula (1) is 4,6-di-tert-butyl-2,2-di-n-pentyl-5-hydroxy-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran.

3-5. (canceled)

6. (original) The formulation of Claim 1 or 2 wherein shell of said soft capsule contains gelatin and concentrated glycerin.

7. (original) The formulation of Claim 1 or 2 wherein shell of said soft capsule contains sorbitol.

8. (original) The formulation of Claim 6 wherein said shell of said soft capsule further contains sorbitol.

9. (original) The formulation of Claim 8 wherein said soft capsule contains 15-50 parts by weight of concentrated glycerin per 100 parts by weight of gelatin.

10. (original) The formulation of Claim 9 wherein said soft capsule contains 20-45 parts by weight of concentrated glycerin per 100 parts by weight of gelatin.

11. (original) The formulation of Claim 8 wherein said shell of said soft capsule contains 5-15 parts by weight of sorbitol per 100 parts by weight of gelatin.

12. (original) The formulation of Claim 11 wherein said sorbitol is present in said shell at a ratio of 7-10 parts by weight of sorbitol to 100 parts by weight of gelatin.

13. (original) The formulation of Claim 1 or 2 wherein a thickness as formed of shell of said soft capsule is from  $28 \times 10^{-3}$  inch ( $71 \times 10^{-2}$  mm) to  $40 \times 10^{-3}$  inch ( $100 \times 10^{-2}$  mm).

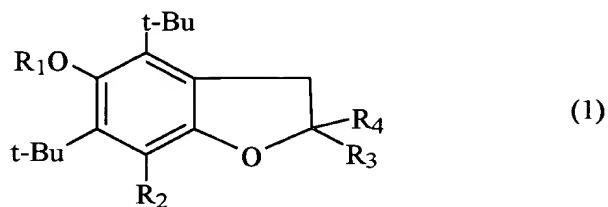
14. (original) The formulation of Claim 13 wherein said thickness is from  $30 \times 10^{-3}$  inch ( $76 \times 10^{-2}$  mm) to  $35 \times 10^{-3}$  in ( $89 \times 10^{-2}$  mm).

15. (canceled)

16. (original) A method for treating an arteriosclerosis comprising administering said seamed soft capsule formulation of Claim 1 or 2 to a patient suffering from said arteriosclerosis.

17. (canceled)

*B'cont*  
18. (new) A seamed soft capsule formulation in which a solution of a dihydrobenzofuran derivative represented by formula (1):



wherein  $R_1$  represents a hydrogen atom or an acyl group;  $R_2$  represents a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl group; and  $R_3$  and  $R_4$ , which may be identical or different, represent a hydrogen atom or a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or aryl group, in soybean oil is filled into a seamed soft capsule, said solution being substantially free of any other

*B'cont* component, and said soybean oil being present in an amount sufficient to enhance storage stability and body absorbability of said dihydrobenzofuran derivative.

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